

FORMER LOCAL GIRL GETS DIVORCE IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Elizabeth Holladay Neidringhaus of St. Louis, daughter of Mrs. Mary S. Holladay of Fredericktown and the late Hiram N. Holladay, wealthy lumberman of Wayne county last week obtained a divorce from Frederick E. Neidringhaus on charges that he treated her with indignities and humiliated her. He is president of the Furnace Oil Corporation of St. Louis and a son of former Congressman Henry Neidringhaus. The divorce was granted in Circuit Court in St. Louis.

She was granted custody of her three children, Mary Ellen, 13, Henry H. and Holladay 9.

Neidringhaus entered a general denial, but did not contest. Judge Taylor took the questioning of Mrs. Neidringhaus out of the hands of her attorney, and asked her for specific instances of her allegations of general indignities. She told him she did not like to testify with reporters present. The judge replied the law permitted them in the courtroom.

She said her husband humiliated her on numerous occasions especially when they played bridge. "He told me I played an inferior game," she asserted. "And that he couldn't understand it when I played with good players like himself all the time."

"Well," observed the court "Everyone gets in little arguments over bridge games, don't they?"

"Yes," she said. "But he was so overbearing that several times women guests at our home told me their husbands would have liked to slap his face."—Piedmont Banner.

BARREN HOLLOW

Barren Hollow

Mrs. Elzada Baker spent Sunday night and Monday with her mother in this community.

Dallas Inman attended the school program given at Silvermines on Thursday night. He reported a very excellent program.

H. D. Smith and son, Norman, were business visitors here Friday of last week.

Rolla Lashely, Oscar and Dallas Inman of this community spent an enjoyable Sunday evening at the Pearsons home at Roselle.

Cultivate the Art

And Tankins says if girls are encouraged to paint their faces, he is in favor of more and better art schools. —Washington Star.

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Historical Mine La Motte

Floyd C. Shoemaker, Secretary of Missouri Historical Society, Reviews Madison County's Oldest Settlement

Down in Southeast Missouri in the northern part of Madison county is the town of Mine La Motte. Here is located one of the most famous lead mines of Missouri, and one of the most historic. It was well known and mined long before George Washington was born, and was visited in the early days by Frenchmen looking for silver to bolster a depleted French treasury. There at Mine La Motte on April 7, 1774, even before the American Declaration of Independence had been signed, occurred a famous Indian massacre.

The anniversary of that raid by the Osage Indians, one hundred fifty nine years ago, recurs this week. The historian, Houck, said it was the bloodiest Indian massacre in the history of the Spanish rule over what is now Missouri, and it was indirectly responsible for the only serious interruption of continuous lead mining at Mine La Motte from 1723 until 1931, when the mine was closed after being operated for well over 200 years. Seven men were killed in the Mine La Motte attack in 1774. Five of the victims were of French origin, one was an Englishman, and one a Negro. Old church records at Ste. Genevieve show that in 1778 after the Indian troubles had subsided, the victims of this massacre were re-interred in the Catholic cemetery there.

About the beginning of the 18th Century with a greatly depleted treasury, France turned to her colonies in America to replenish her riches. Just as Spain had become rich in getting gold and silver from Mexico and Peru, France now turned to her possessions in the Mississippi Valley with expectations. Explorers in search of silver mines were sent out, and it was the result of their efforts that the great lead mines of what is now Missouri, among them the valuable Mine La Motte, were made known to white men.

Mine La Motte was not the earliest mine mentioned by travellers, the district around Potosi and Old Mines in Washington county coming to notice as early as 1700. It is probable that white men mined in the Washington county area before 1700 and it is certain that Indians mined lead there before that time.

But the eager search of the French for silver mines soon led to the discovery by white men of what became Mine La Motte. The first prominent white man that set foot on Mine La Motte was the Sieur Antoine de la Motte Cadillac, governor-general of the colony of Louisiana under the Royal Company of the Indies. In the year 1715, La Motte Cadillac ascended the Saline River, which flows south of where Ste. Genevieve is now, followed Indian trails and came to where Mine La Motte is now located. Here he found unminable diggings that had been made by the Indians, and here he too set his workmen to digging.

Rich veins of mineral were uncovered by the miners, but their tools were too crude to continue the work, and La Motte Cadillac returned to Mobile the same year. Mine La Motte was named for the man who

La Motte and other places in Missouri in 1723.

La Motte Cadillac was a Frenchman of considerable colonial importance. He came from a noble family in southern France, and was noted for his pride and headstrong ways. He had seen much service in Canada, and founded Detroit, Mich. He was governor-general of Louisiana until 1717, when he was succeeded by Bienville, the founder of New Orleans.

In July, 1719, Mine La Motte was again worked, this time by Sieur Marc Antoine de la Loire des Ursins. This man mined in the shaft made by La Motte Cadillac, and sank two other shafts nearby. Then in 1723 Renault was granted mining lands including Mine La Motte and he carried on extensive operations until he left for France in 1742. From 1723 until modern times, Mine La Motte was operated continuously, with an interruption in 1774 and 1775 due to the Indian outbreak.

Even in the 19th Century when the United States had become the owner of the country, mining conditions were crude, but the Missouri mines remained vastly important. Major Amos Stoddard, early American official, wrote that the mineral was smelted by throwing it on heaps of burning logs. He said the lead of this region was used by numerous Indian tribes, by settlers of the Ohio and Mississippi Valley and it also found its way to New Orleans, Pittsburgh, the Atlantic coast, and even to Europe.

SHETLEYS CREEK

Otto Senter and son, Hugh, of Buckhorn were visitors at the S. L. Stroup home last Sunday afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff Stephens of Fredericktown and Willard Shetley of Marquand were in this community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Senter and little son of Albright were through this community Wednesday morning.

Sheriff Wiley Kemp of Fredericktown was a business visitor here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dudley and son, Medford, were visitors at Perryville, recently.

School closed here Friday with Clark Hovis, teacher, three finished the eighth grade, namely: Medford Dudley, Ruby and Jewell Henson, Hazel Barrett being the only one promoted to the eighth grade. Several received perfect spelling certificates, only two having attended school every day, they being Orville Dudley and Norman Barrett.

Homer Pope was down from St. Louis last week visiting folks at home.

Mrs. Winnie Hovis and nephew, Doyle and Dudley Cox of Albright spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stroup.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pugh were guests Sunday of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pugh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Dees and son Silas and Willard of Albright, at

WAYNE COUNTY WANTS STATE HELP AGAINST PIPE LINE

Our sister county of Wayne, through its county court, has made an appeal to the Missouri Legislature for the passage of a special appropriation bill by which the state will assist in the cost of the suits against the Mississippi Valley Fuel Corporation for taxes. The county wants aid to the extent of \$800 from the state to help bear the costs of this suit which is understood to be getting more expensive than the county authorities had ever anticipated.

The recent trial of the matter in St. Louis, before Judge Faris of the Federal Court, is understood to have been an exceedingly expensive thing, and Wayne county's financial condition will not warrant any unusual expense.

The following account of the court's action is from last week's Greenville Sun:

Friday the Wayne County Court passed an order for the making of application in the form of a personal appeal to the present State Legislature to act in the making of an appropriation in the sum of \$800 to alleviate the county in the matter of expenses incurred in the trial of the case of the Mississippi River Fuel Corporation vs. Noah L. Brown, for taxes, the case now pending in Federal Court.

To date Wayne county has an added expense of \$1,949.45 the result of the tax suit, in which a compromise settlement could not be reached by and between the company and county. The \$1,949.45 lists \$689.80 for witness fees; \$434.65 paid R. B. Osborn for necessary expenses; \$500 for R. B. Osborn as attorney fees; and \$325 paid Wm. T. Powers as attorney fees.

The Wayne County Court set the amount of \$500 as a reasonable attorney fee for Mr. Osborn in this case. The fee of Mr. Powers was not set by the court and it is barely possible that his fee will be increased before the case is settled.

Of the \$434.65 the Court allowed Mr. Osborn in payment of expenses there is included on April 27th, 1931, a trip to Jefferson City to confer with the State Tax Commission; \$25; trip to Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City, St. Louis and Farmington; \$47.10 paid Taylor Smith, court reporter; \$358.60 paid Mildred J. Cook, court reporter for making transcript of the case. Each account is itemized on the court record books.

The case in which the Fuel Corporation is plaintiff and Noah L. Brown, as Collector of Wayne County, is defendant, is now pending in the Eastern District of Missouri, in the United States Court. The suit in question is for taxes assessed on June 1, 1930 for taxes for 1931.

The application for the appropriation of the \$800 sets out that at the time for the tax suit it was understood that the State was to furnish

the attorney fees and other expenses incurred on behalf of the county in the litigation in which the people of the State of Missouri as well

HIGDON

Rev. Voelker filled his pulpit here last Sunday and night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Conricktown attended Sunday church here at Mt. Sunday afternoon and an interesting talk on Sunday work. Mr. Combs is the of the Castor Township now.

Aunt Nancy Higdon is doing well as can be seen. She is ill with pneumonia. Willie Whitworth has a sick list for the past few months.

Mrs. Lee Hughes and daughter, Patricia, both of Texas, are here visiting her mother, Mrs. C. A. this place.

Harold and Bailey H. of St. Louis visited their and Mrs. C. H. Higdon last week.

Willie Whitworth is mother that his hound has been having been lost for

Notice of Final Set

State of Missouri, Court in, ss.

In Estate of Andrew H. deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties and others interested in the estate of Andrew H. deceased, that the undersigned, F. Ruth, Henry Clifton O. Thompson, administrators of said Andrew H. deceased, intend to make a final settlement of said estate at the 1933, of the Probate Court of Madison County and State of Missouri, on the first day of term 1933, and said May to be begun and to be at Court House, in the City of Fredericktown, in the County of Madison and State of Missouri, on the eighth (8) day of 1933.

This the 28th day of May, 1933.

Henry Ruth, Henry Clifton O. Thompson, Administrators.

Sale Under Deed

Whereas, on the 30th of 1924, John L. Conrad and Conrad, his wife, made and delivered to the trustee their certain deed which is recorded in the County Land Record they conveyed in trust to the undersigned, the following real estate, situate, lying in Madison County, Missouri, to-wit:

All that part of U. S. Survey No. 3323 in Township Range 7, East of the Principal Meridian to-wit:

Beginning at a stone in the southeast corner of land conveyed to Samuel Mary E. Lance, his wife, by deed dated March 1, 1924, and recorded at page 43 of the records of the Recorder of Deeds for Madison, Missouri, aforesaid, the point is also the corner of lands now or

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